

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC.,)
VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND)
EGYPTIAN COMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES, INC.)
)
Joint Petition of Verizon North Inc.,)
Verizon South Inc. and)
Egyptian Communications)
Services, Inc.)
For Approval Pursuant To 47 U.S.C.)
§§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e),)
of an Interconnection Agreement)

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROVAL OF
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMONG VERIZON
NORTH INC., VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND
EGYPTIAN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. (collectively “Verizon”), Joint
Petitioners herein, and pursuant to Ill. Admin. Code tit. 83 § 763.110(a), make the
following Statement in Support of an Interconnection Agreement Among Verizon North
Inc., Verizon South Inc. and Egyptian Communications Services, Inc.

1. The filed Agreement (“Agreement”) between Verizon and Egyptian
Communications Services, Inc., Exhibit 1, was voluntarily negotiated among the parties.
2. Verizon will make the arrangements set forth in the proposed Agreement
available, on the same terms and conditions, to any duly authorized telecommunications
carrier operating in Verizon’s territories within the State of Illinois. Thus, the filed
Agreement is non-discriminatory.
3. Among other things, the filed Agreement establishes the terms and
conditions for the interconnection, resale and unbundling of telecommunications services.

Such agreements are to be encouraged. Thus, the filed Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

4. The rates set forth in the agreement are reasonable and compensatory.

THEREFORE, Verizon respectfully requests the proposed Interconnection Agreement Among Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc., and Egyptian Communications Services, Inc. be approved as filed.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____ 2002.

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